

# Detroit District Dental Society All Branch Meeting March 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Jehan Wakeem at 6:35 PM, At Laurel Park Manor.

The Agenda is on the tables for all to read, along with corrections to the Bylaws and Constitution, last years All Branch meeting minutes, information on the D.E.T CE day November 3, 2023, list on current MDA officers and Trustees, information on Goodfellows, survey on special care needs for patients in a QR code scan and ideas to add membership value in a QR code scan. Please participate in the QR scans.

Motion was made to Approve the minutes from All Branch 2022 meeting unanimously by Dr. Mike Jennings and seconded by Dr. Jason Golnick. Motion Passed

The sponsors for this meeting were introduced and thanked for supporting the Detroit District Dental Society. Dr. Wakeem hoped everyone had a chance to visit with them.

Sponsors: Ms. Averill Meadows from MDA IFG and TDSC.com powered by Henry Schein, Mr. Kevin Pruitt from Klas Solutions (office transitions and real estate), Ms. Lynn Aronoff, MDA's Grassroots lobbyist, Mr. Brandon Degroushy and Ms. Rachel Edwards from Humana Health, Mr. Mark Engle from Integrity Solutions Group (computer support and services), Mr. Chris Gaddy from Garfield Refining.

Dr. Jehan Wakeem

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Welcome to the Detroit District Dental Society All Branch and Annual Meeting. I am your Detroit District President, Dr. Jehan Wakeem.

I want to make some introductions and welcome you to this evening.

First, let me introduce the current members of your DDDS Board. Please stand when your name is called, and we will hold all applause to the end.

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| President                     | Dr. Jehan Wakeem                      |
| President-Elect               |                                       |
| Vice President                |                                       |
| Secretary                     | Dr. Susan Carron                      |
| Treasurer                     | Dr. Yuksel Erprdo                     |
| Central Branch President      | (Nominated)Dr. Basam Shamo/           |
| Dr. David Vazquez             |                                       |
| Eastern Branch President      | Acting Dr. Jehan Wakeem               |
| Southwestern Branch President | Dr. Marvin Sonne                      |
| Western Branch President      | Dr. Andrea Tory-Godlew                |
| Member at Large               | Dr. Asmaa Abdel-Salam Member at Large |
| Dr. Sona Fiskova              |                                       |
| Member at Large               | Dr. Vince Lizzio                      |

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Dr. Melanie E. Mayberry  
Dr. Claudia Menton

Student Representative, University of Detroit Mercy –

A round of applause for this current board.

I would also like to introduce some guests we have in the audience.

- Dr. Vince Benivegna, MDA President-Elect
- Lynn Aronoff, MDA Legislative Grassroots Coordinator

Tonight we will have a brief annual meeting, an update from the MDA, then our educational program. First, we are holding our All Branch Annual Meeting. Dinner service will continue while we do presentations and the annual meeting. Please enjoy your dinner.

This year we are having the elections for district officers in June. If you are interested in recommending a name or nominating yourself, please see any board member before the Beginning of May.

#### Detroit District Announcements

Membership is under 1000 members for the Detroit District. We are at 896 members. If you know of a friend or neighbor who is not an MDA member, call them - we aim to go over 1000 members.

Detroit is the second largest district behind Oakland, with 30 more members. We have a few non-members with us tonight, so I hope you will consider joining the Detroit District. To everyone currently in the Detroit District, please recruit friends and colleagues to join.

The Detroit District is in good financial health, with over \$357,000 in our cash and reserve accounts. Our annual budget is drafted to be about \$215,000. If you want more information, contact the office; reports will be available. Thank you to Dr. Yuksel Erpardo for being our treasurer. His work and our CPA firm in 2022 gave the Detroit District over \$19,000.00 in covid grants last year. Do you have ideas on how to use this money – I encourage you to join the board or a committee to help work on bringing new ideas to membership.

The Detroit District is working to have more member engagement at all levels of the profession, from dental students to New Dentists (those within ten years of graduation), established dentists, and retired dentists. We want to put more resources into bringing member value and improved engagement at the district level. We welcome all ideas of what you would like to see the district provide to members and our community.

Dental Students – hosting one to two events with dental students at the University of Detroit Mercy. Detroit District members will visit the students with an ASK ME ANYTHING topic discussion program. If you are interested in meeting dental students meeting a possible future associate, please volunteer to help.

### All Dentists Programs

We have changed the Dental Review, and it is now updated to be called DET2023 for Dental Education Today! The event date is November 3, 2023, and will include hands-on sessions for oral surgery and hands-on endo. The location is the Detroit Dearborn Doubletree Hotel. Information is on the tables, and we encourage you to register early. The hands-on programs will be limited to 35-50 people. We will also have national speakers.

The branch meetings run from fall to spring, and we encourage everyone to get involved in their local branch. The Eastern Branch has an upcoming program at the Bronze Door Restaurant on March 21, 2023. Guest speaker Dr. Jerry Wesley on “Case selection techniques to leverage your orthodontic specialist for superior patient care.”

New Dentists is a focus for outreach for the Detroit District, and we are looking at doing various programs throughout the year. We completed a successful social event with Dental Night Red Wings Hockey, with 154 people attending.

We plan other fun social events and educational programs geared toward New Dentists. There will be a special dinner educational program as a pre-event to DET2023 on Thursday night, November 2, 2023, for new dentists with a speaker on financial information such as debt management and navigating the pathways to owning your practice as a New Dentist. There will also be an educational speaker for the evening.

The Detroit District is looking at some operational changes for 2023 and 2024. We are considering downsizing the office or having our Executive Director work remotely, as many other districts have done. Making the change to a remote office would be a cost savings of \$10 to \$12 thousand a year, and we could put into more programs for the district.

We would love member ideas on how we can increase value and engagement. One idea is a full-day program where all the licensing requirements are covered for members. We welcome all ideas. Please write your ideas on the index cards handed to you at orientation and place in the baskets on your way out.

I thank all our volunteers on committees, branches, and the board for their work for the Detroit District and its members.

### Old Business:

There is no old business from the previous year.

### Presentation of DDDS Awards

#### **DDDS presentation of the check to Dr. Michael Jennings, Detroit Goodfellows**

We thank Dr. Micheal Jennings for his continued public service for the past twenty years with the Detroit Goodfellows. The Detroit Goodfellows organization gives Holiday Christmas boxes to Detroit school children. They also include dental kits with an educational bookmark about dental care in each holiday package. They also partner with U of D Mercy to encourage dental visits to dental professionals. Dr. Jennings was the Detroit Goodfellows 2017-18 President, coordinating fundraising and the great work the Detroit Goodfellows do in our community. This year 33,000 children will receive gifts this Christmas.

**Dr. Jennings accepts this Detroit District Dental Society donation to the Detroit Goodfellows for \$2,500.00.**

The donation to the Detroit Goodfellows was made possible by an MDA public relations grant used by the Detroit district to promote oral health education in the Detroit area. The work of Dr. Jennings with the Detroit Goodfellows is accomplishing that task.

We will also sponsor a service day with Detroit Public Schools and Team Smile. Team Smile is a national organization that partners with professional sports teams to bring oral health education and service to a community. We have an event with the Detroit Lions, and the date is not set, but we may be returning to Detroit Lions Football Stadium Ford Field. Here is a video clip from the last time it was at Ford Field.

**We will run a video clip.**

Team Smile and Detroit public schools work with the Detroit District to bring oral health services and education to elementary schools in Detroit that are in need. It is an enjoyable day, and please volunteer – we welcome your entire team, from dentists, hygienists, and administrative office staff. The program will serve 300 children with dental exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions, etc. Complete dental tools, chairs, and supplies are provided. The Detroit District can donate \$2,500.00 to this program and the Goodfellows program from a \$5000 PR Grant from the Michigan Dental Association for 2023..

#### New Business

Bylaws change. We need to vote on some bylaws' proposed changes to bring our Detroit District Bylaws up to date with the ADA, MDA, and current technology and business practices. First, our never-ending thanks to Sue Carron, Detroit District Secretary, who has been working on these changes and spent countless hours making this update possible. I will let Sue Carron and Marcy Dwyer our Executive Director explain the differences and background of what we will be voting to change for the bylaws.

*Power point on time- line for revision of constitution and By laws for DDDS. Major changes are on your table. You can now self- nominate for an office or have your branch nominate you or a nominating committee. Please specify year and office. Only need 30 full dues paying members to conduct business at all- branch and a quorum of council to pass resolutions. Quorum of council is 51%. Our Bylaws were asked to follow the Template given us from the MDA. Dr. Carron blended the template and DDDS By Laws to the final product. Many !! rewrites and discussion with council. MDA has requested that all Districts submit their new bylaws to the MDA. The template was reviewed by Mr. Dan Schulte, MDA attorney. All committees and their scopes will be placed in Operations manual, Also Delegate information/selection, nomination procedures and election procedures, and full job descriptions for officers and executive director and all our policies.*

*Discussion was held on whether DDDS needs an Editor in the bylaws? Dr. Nicole Jane and Marcy Dwyer spoke to the issue of Editor. It is hard to learn the job, and it is expensive to send a Bulletin and we have been sending information by E-mail. Also HARD to find a volunteer for the last five years.*

*Motion: An Amendment to the Bylaws was Made by Dr. Nicole Jane to remove the Editor position from the bylaws and place it operations Manual. Seconded By: Dr. Jason Golnick. Discussion, Call for the vote: All approved.*

*Motion made by Dr. Paul Hwang to approve By Laws as amended and revised Constitution.  
Seconded by Dr. Nicole Jane, Discussion: none, Call for the vote: All Approved.*

Thank you, Sue and Marcy,

Introduction :

Vince Benivegna, DDS, 2022-23 President of the Michigan Dental Association.

Dr. Vince Benivegna of Okemos is an exemplary volunteer with an impressive record of service and commitment to patient care. As president of the Michigan Dental Association, he brings an equally strong history of leadership within organized dentistry.

He is a past secretary, treasurer, vice president, and president of the Central District Dental Society. At the MDA, he served on the Committee on Annual Session, as chair of the Committee on Peer Review/Dental Care, as member of the Committee on Peer Review/Oral Surgery, and on the MDA Board of Trustees, most recently as president-elect. He frequently presents continuing education courses for the MDA on opioid addiction.

Dr. Benivegna earned his DDS degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and is board certified in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. He served as president of the Michigan Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, is currently serving as treasurer on the Council on Michigan Dental Specialties, is a Diplomat of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, and a Fellow of The American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. His commitment to patient care is equally impressive. Dr. Benivegna has been the Oral Surgery Lead, committee member, and treatment provider for every Michigan Mission of Mercy program. He is a Donated Dental Services volunteer, a member of the Sparrow Hospital Cleft Palate Team, and served as member and subcommittee chair on Gov. Rick Snyder's Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction Commission.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Dr. Vince Benivegna. Dr. Benivegna spoke on the legislative issues that the MDA has gotten through the legislature this past year 2022 and what issues the MDA is going to concentrate on for 2023. He also read the new Mission, Vision, and Values for the MDA which were approved at the March Board meeting.

Mission: Empowering member dentists, advancing the dental profession, and improving oral health.

Vision: Michigan's recognized expert on oral health

Values

Integrity: We promote ethical behavior and values-informed decision-making.

Inclusivity: We work to create an environment where all members and the greater dental community are respected and feel a sense of belonging.

Compassion: We believe that all patients should be treated with empathy and respect.

Service: We are responsive to the changing needs of members and the profession.

Evidence-Based: We make decisions based on an understanding of the current best evidence.

Quality Care: We are committed to quality care for all patients.

Lifelong Learning: We recognize that lifelong learning is key to excellence in patient care.

Dr Benivegna answered questions. He encouraged everyone to attend the MDA Annual meeting in Grand Rapids, May 3 to May 6. Dr. Wakeem thanked him for attending our meeting and for the important update on the activities at the MDA.

Please look for announcements on your table for the D.E.T. Meeting November 3, 2023 at Detroit Dearborn Marriott Hotel. Different format with Hands-Ons classes and national speakers for Dentist and their staffs. Special New Dentist Event on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6 PM on Financial considerations for new dentists and Why Implants Fail before placing final restoration. This meeting for new dentists is supported by a grant from the ADA for \$1000 and sponsors.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 PM Motion: Passed

Dr. Wakeem introduced our evening speaker: Dr. Jason Golnick

“The ABCs of Pediatric Dentistry “

Learn what happens in childhood carries from the school year ages and beyond what we all need to know as we treat adult patients.

Thank you to our guest speaker, Dr. Jason Golnick. We appreciate his expertise and information on this subject. Reminder to everyone to get your CE for this program, you must have signed the sign-in sheet at the registration desk. CE will be sent out by email.

#### **Announcements -**

DET2023 Dental Education Today at the Detroit Dearborn Doubletree on November 3, 2023.  
New Dentists Dinner on November 2, 2023.

The Detroit District encourages all members to attend the MDA Annual Meeting on May 3-6, 2023, in Grand Rapids. If you are planning to attend and would consider being a delegate for the Detroit District, please see Sue Carron. We do have openings for a few more people. Drs. Basam Shomo and Dale Petrusa volunteered.

9:00 pm Conclusion of Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Carron, DDS, MS , Secretary DDDS